

**Minutes
Hurst City Council
Work Session
Tuesday, August 11, 2020**

On the 11th day of August 2020, at 5:46 p.m., the City Council of the City of Hurst, Texas, convened in Work Session at City Hall, 1505 Precinct Line Road, Hurst, Texas, by telephone conference to advance the public health goal of limiting face-to-face meetings to slow the spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) with the following members present:

Henry Wilson	)	Mayor
Jon McKenzie	)	Mayor Pro Tem
David Booe	)	Councilmembers
Larry Kitchens)	
Cathy Thompson)	
Bill McLendon)	
Cindy Shepard)	
Clay Caruthers	)	City Manager
Matthew Boyle	)	Assistant City Attorney
Clayton Fulton	)	Assistant City Manager
Malaika Marion Farmer	)	Assistant City Manager
Greg Dickens	)	Executive Director of Public Works
Steve Bowden	)	Executive Director of Economic Development
Duane Hengst	)	City Engineer
Rita Frick	)	City Secretary
Sunny Patel	)	Information Technology Director

With the following Councilmembers absent: none, constituting a quorum, at which time, the following business was transacted:

I. Call to Order – The meeting was called to order at 5:46 p.m.

The work session items were discussed in the following order: Information items including calendar items and state and local reopening plans due to COVID-19, Work Session Items IV and then informational item regarding Economic Development Activity. City Manager Clay Caruthers stated Work Session Item III will be reviewed in regular session. The remaining items were not discussed in work session.

II. Informational Items

- **Update and Discussion of upcoming Calendar Items** – City Manager Clay Caruthers noted that based upon a legal interpretation received, the budget hearing and tax rate public hearing scheduled for Wednesday, August 12, 2020, 6:30 p.m. at city hall will be held to allow the public to attend the meeting in person or dial-in. Mayor Wilson noted his preference is for a quorum of Council to be in person during a public meeting, if possible, and then reviewed safety measures enacted by staff
- **Update and Discussion of State and Local reopening plans due to COVID-19** – City Manager Caruthers stated staff is focusing on September 28 as key dates to potentially

expand operating hours and services at the library and recreation center, but the senior center will remain closed. He reviewed current operating hours for the library, recreation center and parks, noting Brookside Center remains closed. He stated staff has no recommended changes until September 28, which will allow a couple of weeks to pass after in person school starts September 8.

- **Update and Discussion of local Economic Development Activity** – Executive Director of Economic Development Steve Bowden provided an update on economic development in the City noting the significant historical downturn, but also that Hurst lost very few businesses so far. He noted several stores reopening and the number of national retailer's bankruptcy filings. Mr. Bowden shared new store openings, occurring during the past 5 months, including Hobby Lobby, Tuesday Morning, Shoe Carnival and three new restaurants. Also reviewed were CARES Act allocations to businesses. Mr. Bowden provided Council an overview of two possible projects for Hurst including a 5-acre complex of single family rentals offering more privacy than high density apartments. He stated the Eden Terrace community would offer one and two level units with more privacy than apartments, but more a lock and leave lifestyle, with walkability. Mr. Bowden provided information regarding the developer and builder, noting the site meets zoning requirements. Councilmembers acknowledged many people would like the walkability. Mr. Bowden next reviewed the possible expansion of Heritage Village Residences noting a new owner who is currently making enhancements to Phase I and is interested in providing a Phase II. He noted the market needs additional senior living. Councilmembers noted the need for more upscale senior living homes and expressed how nice the Phase I cottages were at Heritage Village.

III. Discussion of Agenda Item(s) 2

Presentation of the Annual Report on the Storm Water Management Plan

There was no discussion of this item.

IV. Discussion of Agenda Item(s) 3 and 4

Consider Resolution 1773 ordering a Special Election to be held November 3, 2020 to allow voters to consider voting for or against the legal sale of all alcoholic beverages for off premise consumption only

Consider Resolution 1774 ordering the General Election of Officers to be held November 3, 2020

City Manager Clay Caruthers briefed Council on the special election related to alcoholic beverages for off-premise consumption noting City Secretary Rita Frick worked with Tarrant County Elections Administration in validating the petition. He explained the petition is not a City function, but a private group who wants to bring alcoholic off-premise sales. He stated the petition was submitted within the timeframe allowed by law. City Secretary Frick reviewed the proposed Resolution. In response to City Manager Caruthers' questions, City Attorney Matthew Boyle stated the Council must order the election upon submission of a valid petition.

V. Discussion of Agenda Item(s) 5

Consider authorizing the city manager to renew the current Contract with Cigna to provide stop-loss insurance for the health plans, third-party administration for the health plans and dental ASO plan, and fully insured dental HMO insurance for eligible full-time employees, retirees, and dependents effective 10/1/2020 through 9/30/2021

There was no discussion of this item.

VI. Discussion of Agenda Item(s) 6

Consider authorizing the city manager to purchase two HVAC units for the Hurst Conference Center

There was no discussion of this item.

Mayor Wilson did not recess to Executive Session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION in Compliance with the Provisions of the Texas Open Meetings Law, authorized by Government Code, Section 551.071, Consultation with City Attorney to seek advice regarding Pending or Contemplated Litigation or Settlement Offers (Dakota Place Apartments) and to reconvene in Open Session at the conclusion of the Executive Session

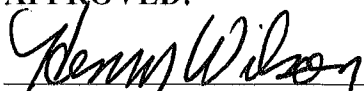
ADJOURNMENT – The meeting was adjourned at 6:23 p.m.

APPROVED this the 25th day of August 2020.

ATTEST:


Rita Frick, City Secretary

APPROVED:


Henry Wilson, Mayor